

NUTRITION SERVICES DIVISION MANAGEMENT BULLETIN		No. 02-212
TO:	Child and Adult Care Food Program Sponsors Head Start Centers	ISSUE DATE: May 2002
ATTENTION:	Food Program Director	
SUBJECT:	Head Start and Private, For-Profit Unaffiliated Centers	
REFERENCE:	United States Department of Agriculture CACFP Policy Memo 01-22; Nutrition Services Division Management Bulletin 01-203	

This Management Bulletin (MB) complements MB 01-203, dated March 2001, and addresses Head Start grantees that subcontract with private, for-profit child care centers.

As stated in MB 01-203, a private, unaffiliated child care center that contracts with Head Start agencies may participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) either:

- Through their own CACFP agreement with the California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division, or
- As a sponsored site under the CACFP agreement of the Head Start agencies with which they contract.

When private, for-profit centers participate in the CACFP, they must meet the requirements that are cited in Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 226.2 and 226.17. These requirements stipulate that a for-profit center may participate in the CACFP if 25 percent of the children are Title XX beneficiaries or the recipients of subsidized child care.

In addition, federal law now allows a for-profit center to participate in the CACFP if 25 percent of the children qualify for free or reduced-price meal reimbursement according to the income eligibility guidelines of the United States Department of Agriculture.

If you have any questions, please contact your Nutrition Services Division Representative, the Field Services Unit at (916) 445-0850 or (800) 952-5609, or John Copley, Program Analyst, at (916) 323-6631 or jcopley@cde.ca.gov.

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